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As a resident of St Johns, Portland along the Willamette River and a regular user of the river, I strongly care about the quality of the river and the health of the creatures living in and around it. The proposed cleanup plan falls far short of an acceptable response to the condition of the river and the toxins in the river bottom sediment. "Natural recovery" is nothing more than a wait and see approach, which has already been happening for the last

15 years since the site was designated a superfund location. "Natural recovery" maintains the level of toxins in the sediment which carry up through the food chain and can have profound effects on large fish, birds, and mammals that provide food to people (especially in subsistence communities) and walk through our neighborhoods and parks, potentially infecting people and pets.

I am not a scientist, but I do consider myself an informed and educated person, and I have not encountered a scientifically educated person who finds the proposed cleanup plan even close to acceptable to have any improvement on the health of the river and surrounding communities.

I understand that funding, politics, and business accountability have been challenges and obstacles considered in the development of the proposed plan; but the health of our river--which has profound ripple effects on all the living beings in a wide radius--should be more important than such things.

This has been a ridiculously drawn-out process and the proposed plan does but begin to address the severe threat these toxins pose. I am confident that the combined wisdom and expertise of the experts the EPA had at its disposal can agree on a MUCH better cleanup plan to actually make a difference.